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(ANACH) PETITION TO CHIEF OF STATE LOPEZ ON AGRARIAN
REFORM

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BEGIN SUMMARY: THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HONDURAN CAMPESINOS
(ANACH), HONDURAS' LARGEST CAMPESINO ORGANIZATION, HAS
PETITIONED CHIEF OF STATE LOPEZ FOR ACTION ON AGRARIAN REFORM.
ANACH COMPLAINED OF LACK OF ACTION DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS
AND ASKED SPECIFICALLY TO BE GIVEN FORMAL REPRESENTATION IN
THE AGRARIAN REFORM PROCESS. GENERAL LOPEZ MET WITH A
DELEGATION OF TRADE UNION LEADERS ON OCTOBER 18, INCLUDING
THE PRESIDENT OF ANACH, AND, ACCORDING TO PUBLISHED PRESS
ACCOUNTS, PROMISED PROMPT ACTION ON A NEW AGRARIAN REFORM
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LAW. END SUMMARY.

1. HONDURAS' LARGEST CAMPESINO ASSOCIATION, ANACH, HAS PRESENTED CHIEF OF STATE LOPEZ A DOCUMENT OUTLINING THAT ORGANIZATION'S VIEWS ON AGRARIAN REFORM. SPECIFIC COMPLAINTS BROUGHT OUT IN THE ANACH DOCUMENT INCLUDE:

A. DECREE NO.8 (THE INTERIM 2 YEAR AGRARIAN REFORM MEASURE ENACTED DECEMBER 26, 1972) HAS NOT FULFILLED ITS GOALS AND HAS BEEN PREFERENTIALLY ENFORCED;

B. THE NATIONAL AGRARIAN INSTITUTE (INA) HAS FAILED TO PROPERLY ADMINISTER DECREE NO.8;

C. INA HAS VIRTUALLY EXEMPTED OWNERS OF LARGE PARCELS OF LAND WHILE BRINGING ACTION AGAINST OWNERS OF SMALL AND MODERATE HOLDINGS;

D. INA HAS INAPPROPRIATELY CONCENTRATED ITS EFFORTS IN THE BAJO AGUAN COLONIZATION PROJECT, THEREBY RELIEVING PRESSURE ON IMPROPERLY HELD LANDS IN MORE SETTLED AREAS (ANACH IS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO COLONIZATION);

E. INA HAS SETTLED CAMPESINOS ON GROUND ILL SUITED FOR AGRICULTURE AND HAS SETTLED TOO MANY PEOPLE ON SOME PLOTS, THEREBY CREATING THE SMALL SUBSISTENCE PLOTS THAT AGRARIAN REFORM IS DESIGNED TO ELIMINATE;

F. INA BUREAUCRATS OFTEN SERVE AS ADVISORS TO LARGE LANDOWNERS TO HELP THEM AVOID FALLING UNDER THE DECREE'S PROVISIONS;

G. CAMPESINO SETTLEMENTS LACK PROPER FUNDING; AND

H. CAMPESINOS CONTINUE TO BE VICTIMIZED BY MIDDLEMEN IN MARKETING THEIR PRODUCTS.

2. THE ANACH STATED THAT A NEW AGRARIAN REFORM LAW IN THE NEAR FUTURE IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL. THE NEED HAS BEEN INCREASED BY THE DAMAGE CAUSED BY HURRICANE FIFI. ANACH ASKED LOPEZ TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING POINTS IN ANY NEW UNCLASSIFIED

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LEGISLATION:

A. CAMPESINO PARTICIPATION IN THE AGRARIAN REFORM PROCESS;

B. ELIMINATION OF "LATIFUNDIOS" (LARGE LAND HOLDINGS);

C. LIMITATION OF THE AMOUNT OF LAND THAT CAN BE

HELD BY PERSONS OR COMPANIES TO 400 HECTARES (2.47 ACRES
EQUAL ONE HECTARE) IN AGRICULTURE AND 800 HECTARES IN
CATTLE PRODUCTION;

D. CONFISCATION OF ALL "NATIONAL" LAND, NO MATTER
HOW HELD, WITH NO PAYMENT FOR IMPROVEMENTS, EXCEPT IN
CASES WHERE THE LAND HAS BEEN HELD FOR 15 YEARS AND SERVES
AS THE OCCUPANT'S ONLY MEANS OF LIVELIHOOD;

E. EXPROPRIATION OF LAND NOT FULFILLING ITS SOCIAL
FUNCTION;

F. ARRANGEMENTS FOR PAYMENT FOR EXPROPRIATED LANDS
WITH 20 YEAR BONDS;

G. ACTION BY GOH TO PROVIDE INFRASTRUCTURE TO SERVICE
LANDS NEWLY SETTLED; AND

H. PROVISION FOR TITLES TO BE COMMUNAL OR INDIVIDUAL,
DEPENDING ON WISHES OF TENANTS.

3. ANACH ALSO PRESENTED THE VIEW THAT SPECIFIC LEGISLATION
IS ACTUALLY LESS IMPORTANT THAN A STRONG POLITICAL COMMITMENT
TO ACHIEVE REFORM AND CONTENDS THAT IF THE 1962 AGRARIAN
REFORM LAW HAD BEEN ENFORCED, THERE WOULD BE NO NEED TO
DISCUSS REFORMS NOW.

4. GENERAL LOPEZ MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF ANACH AND THE
TRADE UNIONS ON OCTOBER 18. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS HE
REAFFIRMED HIS COMMITMENT TO AGRARIAN REFORM AND PROMISED
ACTION ON NEW LEGISLATION.
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